

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

1993 Thompson, B.F.  
A Preliminary Report of Archaeological Investigations at the Steward Shipyard Site,  
18AN817.  
Submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust  
  
Library ID No: 97002834      Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 521

## Research Firm/Institution:

Maryland Maritime Archeology Program  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032

## Sites examined:

18AN817

## Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Project Justification:</b>  This report describes the findings of a 1991-1993 Maryland Maritime Archeology Program (MMAAP) investigation at the Stephen Steward Shipyard on the West River in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The work consisted of both terrestrial and marine archeological excavations. The project was a collaboration between MMAAP/MHT personnel, the West/Rhodes River Consortium, and volunteers from the Archeological Society of Maryland (ASM). The site was threatened by impending development of a recreational parcel. The work began with simple reconnaissance and progressed to extensive excavations by 1993, when the ASM held their annual Field Sessions in Maryland Archeology at the site.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

<b>Project Objectives:</b>
-Establish approximate shipbuilding activity boundaries.
-Collect accurate baseline artifactual data.
-Make conclusions and recommendations regarding Site 18AN817.

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## Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN817.

## REPORT INFORMATION:

1993 Seidel, J.L.  
Preliminary Report: 1993 Archaeological Society of Maryland Field Session at Steward's  
Shipyard (18AN817).  
Submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust  
  
Library ID No: 97002840      Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 523

## Research Firm/Institution:

The Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1331  
Huntingtown, MD 20639

## Sites examined:

18AN817

## Project Details:

Phase I		<b>Project Justification:</b>  This preliminary report summarizes the 1993 Field Session of the Archeological Society of Maryland (ASM), held in May at the site of the Stephen Steward's 18th century shipyard (18AN817). The project was carried out in conjunction with the Maryland Historical Trust, and the field work was undertaken by crews working both on land and in the water. During discussion with the property owners, concerns were raised over the potential disturbance of the site by development. Subsequent discussions with the Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning, as well as with other departments within the Maryland Historical Trust, revealed that the western portion of the site was protected from disturbance by an easement held by the Trust. The eastern portion of the site was also under an easement, but provisions of the agreement permitted future construction of certain specific recreational facilities on the apparent site of the shipyard. The obvious historical importance of the site, combined with testing which suggested the presence of intact remains, made it imperative that
Phase II		
Phase III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

<b>Project Objectives:</b>
-Obtain as much information from threatened portions of the site as possible, while covering a reasonably large area so that patterns of remains might be discerned.

the condition of the site and the extent of its remains be assessed. In order to accomplish this, volunteer labor would be needed and, hence, the ASM project was agreed to by all parties.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN817.

**REPORT INFORMATION:**

1998 Moser, J. and J. Cox  
Stephen Steward's Shipyard (18AN817): Geophysical, Archaeological, and Historical Investigations.  
Submitted to the Steward Colonial Shipyard Foundation, Inc.  
  
Library ID No: 00007588      Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 351

Research Firm/Institution:

Lost Towns Project  
2664 Riva Road, MS 6402  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Sites examined:

18AN817

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Project Justification:</b>
Phase II		This report describes the findings of a 1997-1998 archeological project at the Stephen Steward Shipyard in Anne Arundel County. Through a grant from Anne Arundel County, the Lost Towns Project, at the request of the Steward Colonial Shipyard Foundation, Inc., conducted geophysical, archeological, and historical investigations in select areas of Norman's Retreat. Norman's Retreat (AA-228) is a 25 acre tract located within the original shipyard tract on which the Maryland Historical Trust currently holds an easement.
Phase III		

<b>Project Objectives:</b>
-Locate and identify activity areas relating to the operation of the Steward Shipyard, and the post-revolutionary Steward plantation.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN817.

**REPORT INFORMATION:**

1999 Gibb, J.G. and J.D. Moser  
A Phase I Archaeological Identification Survey of Stephen Steward's Shipyard, Lot 2 (18AN817), West River Estates Homeowners' Association Parcel, Anne Arundel County, Maryland: Proposed Recreational Improvements.  
Submitted to the West River Estates Homeowners' Association and the Maryland Historical Trust  
  
Library ID No: 00007633      Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 356

Research Firm/Institution:

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2554 Carrollton Road  
Annapolis, MD 21403

Sites examined:

18AN817

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Project Justification:</b>
Phase II		This report describes the findings of a 1999 Phase I survey of Lot 2 of the West River Estates Homeowners' Association properties. MHT holds an historical easement on Lot 2 and the homeowners' association was planning the installation of a paved path from a local road to a pavilion and an unpaved path from the pavilion to a nearby crabbing pier. The impact area was surveyed as a precondition for development on the easement lot.
Phase III		

<b>Project Objectives:</b>
-Locate any archeological resources that may be adversely effected by pier, path or pavilion construction.
-Determine if identified resources (if any) are eligible for listing on the NRHP or MIHP in their own right or as contributing resources.

Research Potential:

The various excavations and investigations conducted at the Steward Shipyard (18AN817) demonstrate that it is a highly significant site with a high degree of integrity. Intact portions of the site should continue to be avoided until opportunities for investigation present themselves.